

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 6 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 5, and 6 have been amended for form.

No new matter has been introduced. In a Notice of Allowance dated June 28, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 1 - 6.

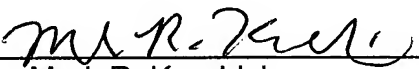
An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently with this Request for Continued Examination. The IDS identifies references that are United States issued patents. The IDS and PTO-1449 form are presented to the Examiner in lieu of paying the issue fee.

Applicant respectfully requests an Office Action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is requested to call either of the undersigned attorneys at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7400 should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

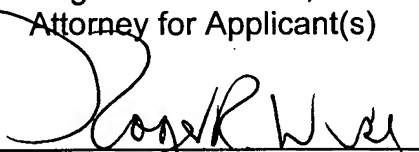
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